

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail processing apparatus comprising:
a data receiving section operable to receive mail data including video data or audio data;
a cited data detecting section operable to detect a cited part of the received video data or audio data that is cited from mail data created by a creator different from a creator of the received mail, as cited data, from the mail data received by the data receiving section; and
a reproduction control section operable to control a reproducing method of the received mail data based on the detection result by the cited data detecting section,
wherein the reproduction control section controls the reproduction method so that a reproduction method for the cited data which is detected by the cited data detecting section is different from a reproduction method for data other than the cited data which is detected by the cited data detecting section in the received mail data, and[[.]]
wherein the cited data includes information relating to the creator of the mail data in a specified region, and the cited data detecting section detects the cited part by using the information relating to the creator.

2. (Previously Presented) The electronic mail processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the reproduction control section controls reproduction speed of the mail data so as to reproduce the data other than the cited data in the received mail data at a first speed, and reproduce the cited data at a second speed which is faster than the first speed.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The electronic mail processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the video data or audio data included in the cited data is data compressed by a specified compressing method and has a header portion in which the information relating to the creator of the mail data is recorded.

5. (Currently Amended) The electronic mail processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the cited data includes the information relating to the creator of the mail data in a form of a digital watermark embedded in the video data or audio data, and the cited data detecting

section detects the cited data by using the information relating to the creator embedded in the form of the digital watermark.

6. (Currently Amended) The electronic mail processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a data creating section operable to create the mail data for transmission including the video data or audio data,

wherein when creating the mail data, the data creating section stores the information relating to the creator of the mail data in a specified recording region of the video data or audio data.

7. (Currently Amended) The electronic mail processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a data creating section operable to create the mail data for transmission including the video data or audio data,

wherein when creating the mail data, the data creating section embeds the information relating to the creator of the mail data in a form of a digital watermark in the video data or audio data.

8. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail processing method comprising:

receiving mail data including video data or audio data;

detecting a cited part of the video data or audio data that is cited from mail data created by a creator different from a creator of the received mail, as cited data, from the received mail data; and

making a reproduction method for the mail data such that different reproduction methods are used for a case in which data to be reproduced is the detected cited part and a case in which the data to be reproduced is data which is another part than the detected cited part₁[[.]]

wherein the cited data includes information relating to the creator of the mail data in a specified region, and the cited data is detected by using the information relating to the creator.

9. (Original) The electronic mail processing method according to claim 8, wherein the data other than the cited data in the received mail data is reproduced at a first speed, and the cited data is reproduced at a second speed which is faster than the first speed.

10. (Cancelled)

11.(Currently Amended) The electronic mail processing method according to claim 8, wherein the video data or audio data included in the cited data is data compressed by a specified compressing method and has a header portion in which the information relating to the creator of the mail data is recorded.

12. (Currently Amended) The electronic mail processing method according to claim 8, wherein the cited data includes the information relating to the creator of the mail data in a form of a digital watermark embedded in the video data or audio data, and the cited data is detected by using the information relating to the creator embedded in the form of the digital watermark.

13. (Currently Amended) The electronic mail processing method according to claim 8, further comprising:

- creating mail data including video data or audio data,
- storing the information relating to a creator of the created mail data in a specified recording region in the mail data, and
- transmitting the created mail data having the information relating to the creator stored therein.

14. (Currently Amended) The electronic mail processing method according to claim 8, further comprising:

- creating mail data including video data or audio data,
- embedding the information relating to a creator of the created mail data in a form of a digital watermark in the video data or audio data, and
- transmitting the created mail data embedded with the information relating to the creator.

15. (Currently Amended) An electronic mail processing system comprising:

- a first mail processing apparatus; and
- a second mail processing apparatus that exchanges electronic mails with the first mail processing apparatus,

wherein the first mail processing apparatus comprises:

- a data transmitting and receiving section operable to transmit and receive mail data including video data or audio data;
- a cited data detecting section operable to detect a cited part of video data or audio data that is cited from mail data created by a creator different from a creator of the received mail, as cited data, from the received mail data;
- a reproduction control section operable to control a reproducing method of the received mail data based on the detection result by the cited data detecting section so that a reproduction method for the cited data which is detected by the cited data detecting section is different from a reproduction method for data other than the cited data which is detected by the cited data detecting section in the received mail data; and
- a data creating section operable to create mail data for transmission by adding information relating to a creator of the mail data to video data or audio data included in the mail data,

wherein the cited data includes information relating to the creator of the mail data in a specified region, and the cited data detecting section detects the cited part by using the information relating to the creator, and

wherein the second mail processing apparatus comprises:

- a data transmitting and receiving section operable to transmit and receive mail data; and
- a data editing section operable to edit the mail data received in the data transmitting and receiving section, and

wherein the second mail processing apparatus creates a reply mail including as cited data a part or whole of video data and audio data included in the received mail data, by the data editing section, and transmits a reply mail to a sender of the received mail data through the data transmitting and receiving section.